

# Energy Efficiency Basics for Your Home

The energy efficiency measures listed below can help make your home more energy efficient, reduce energy bills and increase comfort. Residents are encouraged to consider energy efficiency as the first step in using clean energy.

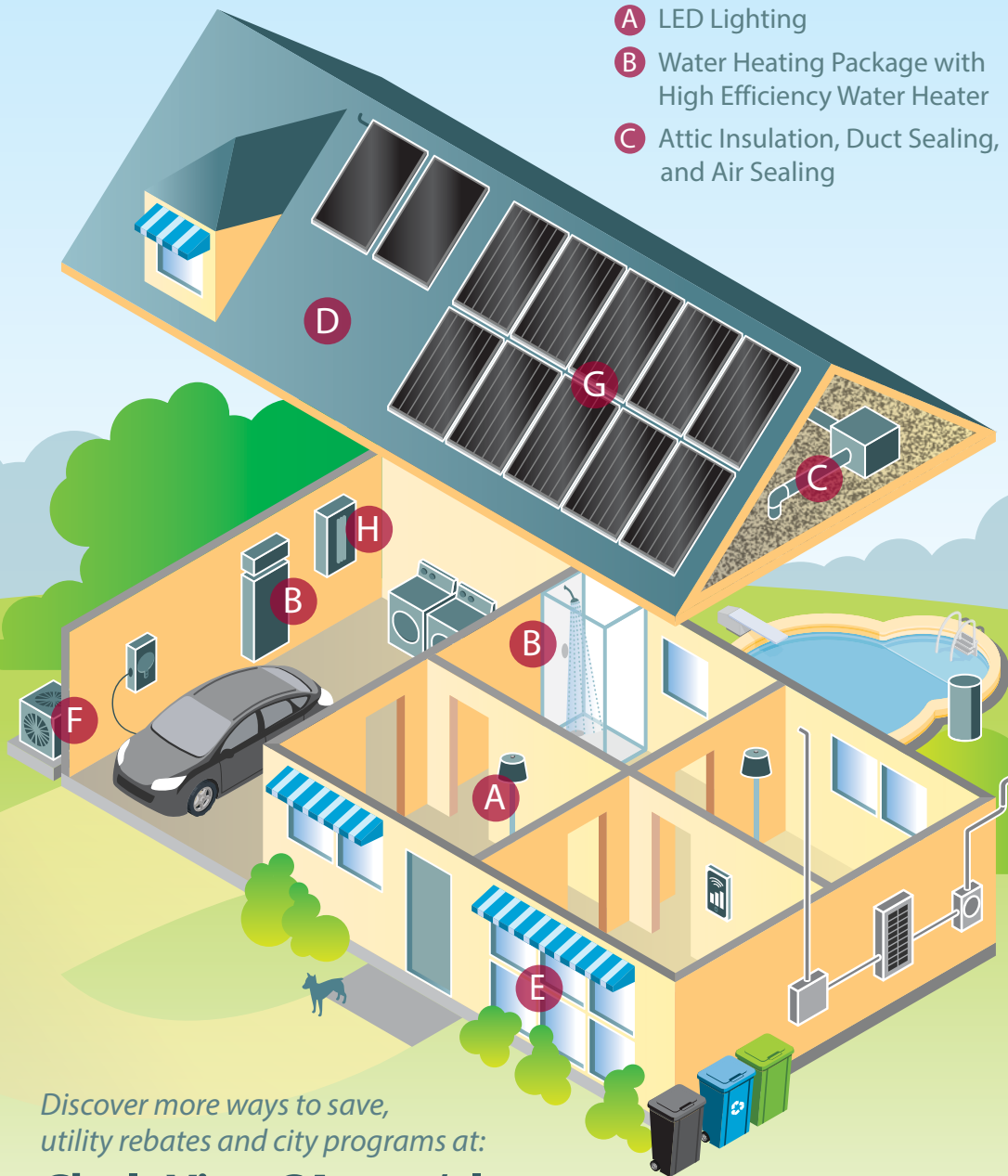


*Consider these upgrades to equipment, appliances and other items that will reduce energy use, save you money, make your home more healthy and help to put the city's Climate Action Plan into action.*

## Did you know...

**Duct leaks** can add up to **30% of a home's heating and cooling costs** for an average California home.

- A** LED Lighting
- B** Water Heating Package with High Efficiency Water Heater
- C** Attic Insulation, Duct Sealing, and Air Sealing
- D** Cool Roof
- E** High Efficiency Windows
- F** High Efficiency Air Conditioner
- G** Solar Panels
- H** Energy Storage



## Add Solar and Energy Storage

Adding solar panels and energy storage (indicated by **G** and **H**) to an efficient house can further reduce energy bills. Visit [www.energysage.org](http://www.energysage.org) for information.

Discover more ways to save,  
utility rebates and city programs at:

**ChulaVistaCA.gov/clean**

If you have any questions please contact the City of Chula Vista  
Conservation Section at 619-409-3893 or [conservation@chulavistaca.gov](mailto:conservation@chulavistaca.gov).



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# Sustainability Ordinance Information for **EXISTING HOMES**

## Does your remodel or addition require energy efficient measures?

If your home was built before 2006 and you are making an addition or structural remodel, review the information below about the Existing Homes Sustainability Ordinance (EHSO) and the energy efficiency measures you may be required to include in your project. The number of energy efficiency requirements depends on the age and location of the home. The other page of this document lists energy efficient improvements that can be made to meet the ordinance requirements.

Location	Year Home Was Built	Energy Efficiency Requirements
All Chula Vista zip codes	2006 or later	0
All zip codes except 91914	2005 to 1979	2
All zip codes except 91914	1978 or older	3
91914	2005 or older	4

To find out if your home is exempt, visit the "Existing Home Energy Sustainability Ordinance Exemption Application" at [www.chulavistaca.gov/departments/clean/retrofit](http://www.chulavistaca.gov/departments/clean/retrofit)

## Pre-certify your home!

If you are thinking about doing a home renovation project and want to see if your home already meets the requirements, you can pre-certify your project.

**Step 1:** Complete the "Pre-Existing Measure Certification" with information about energy efficiency measures already installed.

**Step 2:** Request a Home Energy & Water Check-Up\* where City staff visit your home to visually inspect existing energy measures installed and provide additional suggestions.

## Find Resources and Information

Get additional EHSO information, requirements, application forms, certification forms and Home Energy & Water Check-Up request form at [www.chulavistaca.gov/departments/clean/retrofit](http://www.chulavistaca.gov/departments/clean/retrofit)

### Projects that trigger this requirement:



- Adding square footage
- Moving interior walls or other structural elements
- Adding or moving windows and doors

### Projects that do NOT trigger this requirement:



- Adding new tile or flooring
- Bathroom fixtures
- Lighting fixtures
- Appliances
- Adding or moving a kitchen island
- Adding or changing counters
- Patio or landscaping
- Adding an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU/JADU)
- Projects that are medically necessary
- Repairing, without moving, structural elements

## Questions?

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